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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for operation of remote field support and emergency provisions for the Expedition Vessel the Kapitan Khlebnikov for the 1996-1997 and four following austral summers. The application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert S. Cunningham or Nadene Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSF's Antarctic Waste Regulation, 45 CFR Part 671, requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica. NSF has received a permit application under this Regulation for the operation of three expeditions per year to Antarctica. During each trip, passengers are taken ashore at selected sites by Zodiac (rubber raft) or helicopter for approximately two to four hours at a time. On each helicopter landing, emergency gear would be taken ashore in case weather deteriorates and passengers are required to camp on shore. Anything taken ashore will be returned to the vessel. All wastes will be removed from Antarctica and disposed of in Ushuaia, Argentina, Port Stanley,

Falkland Islands, Lyttleton, New Zealand, Hobart, Tasmania, or a substitute port of disembarkation. No hazardous domestic products or wastes (aerosol cans, paints, solvents, etc.) will be brought ashore. Cooking stoves/fuel will be used only in an emergency where passengers are forced to spend a night on shore.

Application for permit is made by: Mike McDowell, President, Quark Expeditions, 980 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820.

The permittee has volunteered to collect information at each site visited and to make that information available as described in the waste permit application utilizing the forms, Site Visit Report and Environmental Impacts Observed. At the conclusion of the austral summer, the permittee will report specific uses or releases of designated pollutants and releases of wastes in an annual report summarizing each season's activities. The permittee will take necessary provisions to ensure that any spilled fuel or lubricants will be promptly cleaned-up, containerized, and removed from Antarctica. Based upon successful completion of required waste management procedures and annual reporting of results, the permit will continue in effect until December 31, 2000.

Nadene Kennedy,

*Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs,
National Science Foundation.*

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Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Science (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for operation of a small research camp at Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island, Antarctica by Dr. Rennie S. Holt, a citizen of the United States. The application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSF's Antarctic Waste Regulation, 45 CFR Part 671, requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica. NSF has received a permit application under this Regulation for the construction of a field camp at Cape Shirreff, Livingston Island, Antarctica (62°28' S 60°47' W) during the 1996-1997 austral summer. The camp is to be maintained and used each austral summer through 2001. The permit period requested is from January 1, 1997 through April 30, 2001. Cape Shirreff is an ice-free peninsula towards the western end of the north coast of Livingston Island, Antarctica and is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI No. 32) under the Antarctic Treaty. The camp will consist of four semi-permanent structures totaling 864 square feet of enclosed work and storage space. During the field season from early September through the end of March of each year, four to six scientists will utilize the camp.

The permit applicant is: Dr. Rennie S. Holt, Chief Scientist, U.S. AMLR Program, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shore Dr., La Jolla, CA 92038.

Based upon research results, the camp may remain in service beyond April 30, 2001. Use of the camp beyond that date would require modification of the waste permit. At the conclusion of operations, all material will be removed from Antarctica. Specifics regarding the camp, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, and a description of planned operating procedures are available at the Office of Polar Programs Permit Office during business hours.

Nadene Kennedy,

Permit Officer, National Science Foundation.

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